

Washington, D.C. - Congressman John Adler (NJ-03) announced today that he has been appointed to the House Committee on Veterans Affairs. There are nearly 65,000 constituents who are veterans in Congressman Adler's district, which makes this Committee appointment particularly significant for local residents.

"This is great news for the veterans of New Jersey," said retired Army Colonel Mike Warner.

Albert Bucchi, Legislative Director of New Jersey Veterans of Foreign Wars and member of the VFW National Legislative Committee, was equally enthusiastic: "We are very pleased that Congressman Adler was selected to sit on Veterans' Affairs. We look forward to working closely with him to secure the rightful benefits and entitlements for the Veterans of this country."

With thousands of New Jerseyans coming back from the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, Congressman Adler's appointment gives him the ability to shape policies to help our returning Warriors have a smoother transition to civilian life. The Veterans' Affairs Committee has jurisdiction over disability assistance and compensation; education, employment, worker and vocational training and housing programs; the VA health care system; and oversight and over the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"Our Patriots returning home from Iraq and Afghanistan deserve the best our country has to offer," said Adler, whose district includes Fort Dix, McGuire Air Force Base and Lakehurst Naval Air Station, our nation's only mega-base. "I will fight to make sure our veterans have access to the best jobs, the best colleges, and see the best doctors in our community."

This is the second committee assignment for Congressman Adler. He was previously selected to serve on the Financial Services Committee.